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## Burma - Union of

**Post:** Rangoon

## Beans and Pulses Monthly Trade Report - August

### Report Categories:

Grain and Feed

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### Report Highlights:

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## Trade

Burma exported 70,334 mt of beans and pulses in August, down 38 percent from the same period in 2008 due to decreased shipments to India. Matpe accounted for 55 percent of the total exports, followed by Mung bean 23 percent and Toor Whole (Pigeon pea) 10 percent. India remained the largest buyer in August, accounting for 90 percent of total exports. Meanwhile, Japan, a regular market for Burmese Butter beans (Lima beans), did not import any beans in August.

Trade sources reported that 4,500 mt of Matpe raw, 8,900 mt of Matpe ready cargo and 3,800 mt of Matpe special quality ready cargo were traded at the Bayint Naung Market in Rangoon in August.

Beans and Pulses Exports by Type and Destination in August 2009(MT)

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| Other category includes kidney, bamboo, black eye, sultani, gram, chickpea and brown beans |
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|              | <b>2008</b>      | <b>2009</b>      |
|--------------|------------------|------------------|
| January      | 91,596           | 192,619          |
| February     | 138,477          | 169,236          |
| March        | 288,839          | 206,703          |
| April        | 415,895          | 82,743           |
| May          | 209,967          | 74,501           |
| June         | 211,582          | 321,187          |
| July         | 165,710          | 118,805          |
| August       | 112,897          | 70,334           |
| September    | 89,437           |                  |
| October      | 44,184           |                  |
| November     | 93,283           |                  |
| December     | 134,319          |                  |
| <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>1,861,867</b> | <b>1,236,128</b> |

#### Export Prospects

Trade sources reported that GtoG sales of beans and pulses to India were cancelled, and as a result Burmese exporters are allowed to sell to Indian traders directly. However, most traders and exporters are holding high levels of stocks for the purpose of speculation.